

PROTECTION.—The Government of the United States, at a very early period, when establishing its tariff on foreign importations, were very much guided in their selection of objects by a desire to encourage manufactures within ourselves. (To

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1821. C. VII., 220.)

PROTECTION.—I do not mean to say that it may not be for the general interest to foster for a while certain infant manufactures until they are strong enough to stand against foreign rivals; but when evident that they will never be so, it is against right, to make the other branches of industry support them. (To Samuel Smith, 1823. C. VII., 285.)

PUBLIC OPINION.—I cannot decide between Andrew Alexander, John Alexander, and John Camphers, recommended by different persons for the marshal's office. Pray write me your opinion which appointment would be most respected by the public, for that circumstance is not only generally the best criterion of what is best, but the public respect can alone give strength to the government. (To Archibald Stuart, 1801. F. VIII., 470)

PUBLIC OPINION.—It will always be interesting to me to know the impression made by any particular thing on the public mind. My idea is that when two* measures are equally right, it is a duty of the people to adopt that one which is most agreeable to them; and where a measure not agreeable to them has been adopted, it is desirable to* know it, because it is an admonition to a review of that measure to see if it has been, really right, and to correct it if mistaken. It is rare that the public sentiment decides universally or unwisely, and the individual who differs • from it ought to distrust and examine well his own opinion. (To William Findley, 1801. F. VIII., 27.)

PUBLIC SERVICE.—It is not for an individual to choose his post. You are to marshal us as may be best for the public good; and it is only in the case of its being indifferent to you, that I would avail myself of the opinion you have so kindly offered me in your letter. If you think it better to transfer me to another post, my inclination must be no obstacle; nor shall it be if there is any desire to suppress the office I now hold or to